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question before you is the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 1070. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: The first amendment to the bill, Senator Witek, 3448.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Witek, to open on her amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. O'Donnell, I was going to withdraw 3448 and substitute 3734.

CLERK: (AM) 3734, Senator?

SENATOR WITEK: That's correct.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered.

CLERK: Senator, I now have AM3734 in front of me. (See pages 1188-91 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Thank you, Madam President. Members of the Legislature, I was not here for the General File discussion on 1070. It's a bill that's taken up a lot of time in the Health Committee that I serve on, and it's a bill that probably should have had a very thorough general discussion for a long period of time, in particular, what we intend to do with this amount of money that will be coming into the state of Nebraska and how the Legislature would either like to see that appropriated or what mechanism they'd like to see that money come through. If you'll remember, 1070 is a bill that sets up an intergovernmental transfer and Senator Wesely handed out a yellow sheet on the discussion on General File on what an intergovernmental transfer was. And when I first heard this in the committee, I had to ask a lot of questions because I wasn't sure what I was hearing. What we are going to be doing in the state of Nebraska is, if I understand this clearly, is getting...there are two ways that you pay through the nursing homes in the state of Nebraska, that you can choose to pick one or the other, I gather. You can pick the higher rate for the reimbursement, and the difference between those two will be